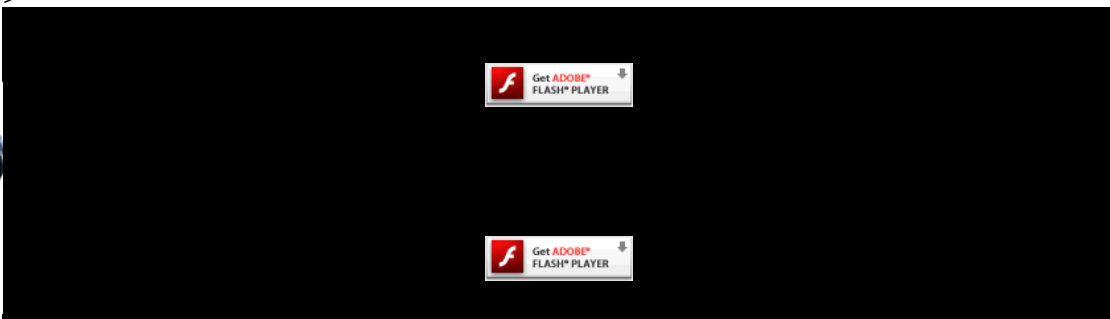




As of today my Summer handicap is 14ish. Not that it matters, but it gives some perspective. About 40 years ago Radar O'Reilly & I were ready to throw our clubs in a fairway pond...my hair started smoking I was so mad, and why?... yea, shanked one. Now my score looked like 110 rather than 109. Big deal.

So I thought (a rarity) ...why did I spend all that money on clubs, and \$20 for the round only to drive myself to the brink of insanity? hmm....good question. At that point, life changed...for the better. If you can relate to this, here are some ways I've learned to enjoy the game.



Home for the mulligan impaired

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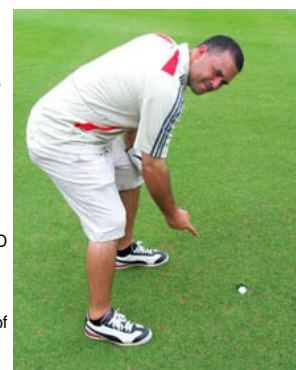
Golf Trip V, 14-24 Sep 2011

GT IV was a great experience for the seven of us who made it this year. The schedule was more relaxed and the course selection was first rate.

First, it didn't rain on us much, but when it did, it was with a vengeance. Of course, that didn't deter us from continuing play.

We played only the better courses, generally with better caddies, and that was a good idea. The courses were in excellent shape, except St Andrews 2000 which had heavily sanded greens and BAD caddies. Even the more remote Highlands course was in great shape.

Golf was generally enjoyable beyond explanation...more the thing of good dreams, and the schedule was really accomodating for those (all but me and Nardo) who stayed out late...what a glimpse of heaven we all had...



Jose was having some issues hitting his drives into the fairway. This time he finally hit one straight...

Weekly Notes....

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GT IV comments from Nardo and Roland.

Had a large group slapping balls at Tama Hills this past Sat, with some curious results. First, both Jose and I consistently blasted putts too fast. The Korai grass on Tama's greens is a bit longer than greens in Thailand and felt almost crunchy, but the ball rolled fairly fast. My score surprisingly returned to the mid-80s, 5-10 strokes less than in Thailand. That's probably because Tama Hills is shorter and the ground much harder. You could "chunk" a 10' iron shot in Thailand, but at Tama the club bounces more than it digs and the same shot would lumber along much further.

Golfed with Ron which I hadn't done in a while, and that was very refreshing. He always brings good perspective to the game and on Sat started impersonating some cartoon character in response to Jose's recent frustration with a cross-eyed caddy who couldn't line up his putts. Took my mind off swing thoughts, etc and resulted in better hits for all of us.

All in all, a pretty refreshing morning...

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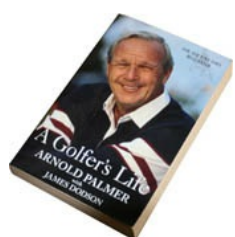
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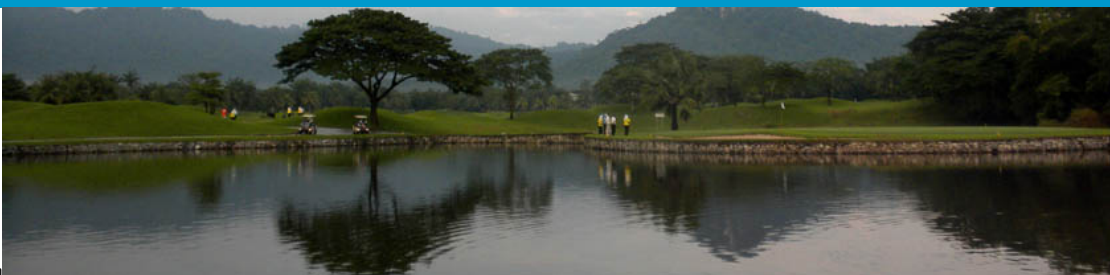
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A Golfer's Life
by Arnold Palmer



Khao Kheow's island green is both beautiful and challenging. Everyone in our group made it onto the green, and as I recall, I made a birdie.

Below are some more pictures of the Sabai Resort, where we plan to stay in 2010. Rooms are nice, the pool is great!



10 nights at the Sabai is aprox \$580 (private poolside rooms pictured above)



Want to know your USGA handicap, for free? Here's a little program I created to do just that. Download the [Hanidcapper](#) (shown at the right) and take a look.

For a lot of additional trip details please [click here](#).

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